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## REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Claim 1 has been amended by inserting the phrase "adjusting the pH of the slurry so the slurry is of high viscosity," immediately before "and spraying droplets of the slurry onto a hot metal substrate, the substrate being at a temperature between 500° and 750° C." This insert is based on page 8, lines 22 and 36, of the specification (emphasizing the importance of the pH) and page 9, lines 1-12 (concerning viscosity). It will be appreciated that the preferred value of viscosity (13000 to 14000 cP) in the present invention is over 100 times greater than that specified in US 4,529,718 and US 2002/002112 cited in the International Search Report.

New Claim 12 has been added. It is based on page 12, lines 6-14 of the specification.

Favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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